

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 36 and 61 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-32 were previously cancelled. Claims 33, 37-42, 45-48, 58, 59, and 62-65 are amended. Claims 49-52 and 54-57 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 33-35, 37-48, 53, 58-60 and 62-65 are pending. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-32 (Cancelled.)

33. (Currently amended.) A variant of a parent fungal cutinase, ~~wherein the parent cutinase is at least 70% homologous to SEQ ID NO:1~~, wherein the variant has above 80% homology to its parent SEQ ID NO:1 and comprises a modification of at least one amino acid residue corresponding to position A4, T29, A88, N91, A130, Q139, I169, I178 or R189 in SEQ ID NO:1; and wherein the variant has cutinase activity.

34. (Previously presented.) The variant claim 33, which comprises the substitution A4V, T29M/I/C, A88H/L/V, N91H, A130V, Q139R, I169A/G/T/V, I178V or R189A/H/V.

35. (Previously presented) The variant of claim 33, wherein the parent cutinase is the cutinase from *H. insolens* strain DSM 1800.

36. (Canceled.)

37. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant cutinase has above 85% homology to its parent SEQ ID NO:1.

38. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant cutinase has above 90% homology to its parent SEQ ID NO:1.

39. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant cutinase has above 95% homology to its parent SEQ ID NO:1.

40. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, which further comprises at least one amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to Q1, L2, E6, G8, E10, S11, A14, N15,

A16, F24, V38, N44, L46, E47, S48, H49, R51, D63, L66, S116, S119, G120, L138, T164, T166, L167, I168, L174 and/or E179, ~~using SEQ ID NO:1 for numbering in SEQ ID NO:1~~.

41. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, which variant further comprises at least one amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to Q1P/C/L, L2K/Q/V, E6Q, G8D, E10Q, S11C/T, A14P, N15T/D, A16T, F24Y, V38H, N44D, L46I, E47K, S48/E/K, H49Y, R51P, D63N, L66I, S116K, S119P, G120D, L138I, T164S, T166M/I, L167P, I168F, L174F and/or E179Q, ~~using SEQ ID NO:1 for numbering in SEQ ID NO:1~~.

42. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, which variant further comprises substitutions corresponding to E6Q +A14P +E47K +R51P +E179Q, ~~using SEQ ID NO:1 for numbering in SEQ ID NO:1~~.

43. (Previously presented.) The variant of claim 33, which variant has hydrolytic activity towards terephthalic acid esters.

44. (Previously presented.) The variant of claim 33, which variant has hydrolytic activity towards cyclic tri(ethylene terephthalate) and/or Terephthalic acid bis(2-hydroxyethyl)ester dibenzoate.

45. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, which has a denaturation temperature which is at least 5°C higher than the parent cutinase at pH 8.5.

46. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 3341, further comprising substitutions corresponding to E6Q +A14P +E47K +R51P +E179Q, ~~using SEQ ID NO:1 for numbering in SEQ ID NO:1~~.

47. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the parent cutinase has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and wherein the variant comprises the substitutions corresponding to E6Q +A14P +E47K +R51P +A130V+E179Q.

48. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the parent cutinase has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and the variant comprises the substitutions corresponding to ~~E6Q+ A14P +N15D-N15T +E47K +R51P +A130Y+E179Q.~~

49. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to A4.

50. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to T29.

51. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to A88.

52. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to N91.

53. (Previously presented.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to A130.

54. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to Q139.

55. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to I169.

56. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to I178.

57. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 33, wherein the variant comprises a substitution at a position corresponding to R189.

58. (Currently amended.) A variant of a parent fungal cutinase, wherein the parent cutinase is at least 7080% homologous to SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the variant differs from the parent

cutinase by 1 to 20 substitutions; and wherein said substitutions-variant comprise a modification of at least one amino acid residue corresponding to position A4, T29, A88, N91, A130 Q139, I169, I178 or R189 in SEQ ID NO:1; and wherein the variant has cutinase activity.

59. (Currently amended.) A variant of a parent cutinase, wherein ~~the parent cutinase is at least 70% homologous to SEQ ID NO:1, and wherein the variant has above 80% homology to its parent SEQ ID NO:1~~ and comprises a substitution or substitutions selected from the following group of substitutions using in SEQ ID NO:1 for numbering:

S48E +A88H +N91H +R189V;

Q1L +L2K +G8D +N15D;

N44D +A130V;

Q1C +L2V +G120D;

A88L +R189A;

S48E +L66I +A88L +I169A +R189H;

A88V +S116K +S119P +Q139R +I169V +R189V;

A88V +R189A;

S48K +A88H +I169G +R189H;

Q1L +L2Q +A4V +S11T;

T164S;

L174F;

H49Y;

Q1L +L2K +G8D +N15D +S48E +A88H +N91H +R189V;

Q1L +L2K +G8D +N15D +N44D +A130V;

Q1L +L2K +G8D +N15D +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +R189V;

G8D +N15D +A16T;

A130V;

Q1C +L2V;

G8D +N15D +A16T;

G8D +N15D +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +R189V;

G8D +N15D +T29M +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +R189V;

G8D +N15D +T29I +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +R189V;

G8D +N15D +T29C +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +R189V;

G8D +N15D +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +L174F +I178V +R189V;

G8D +N15D +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +T166M +I168F +R189V;
G8D +N15D +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +T166I +L167P +R189V;
G8D +N15D +V38H +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +I169T + R189V;
G8D +N15D +V38H +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +R189V; and
G8D +N15D +T29M +S48E +A88H +N91H +A130V +T166I +L167P +R189V;
and wherein the variant has cutinase activity.

60. (Previously presented.) The variant of claim 59, wherein the parent cutinase is the cutinase from *H. insolens* strain DSM 1800.

61. (Canceled.)

62. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 59, wherein the variant cutinase has above 85% homology to ~~its parent~~SEQ ID NO:1.

63. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 59, wherein the variant cutinase has above 90% homology to ~~its parent~~SEQ ID NO:1.

64. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 59, wherein the variant cutinase has above 95% homology to ~~its parent~~SEQ ID NO:1.

65. (Currently amended.) The variant of claim 59, further comprising substitutions corresponding to E6Q +A14P +E47K +R51P +E179Q, ~~using SEQ ID NO:1 for numbering in~~ SEQ ID NO:1.

66. (New.) The variant of claim 34, further comprising substitutions corresponding to E6Q +A14P +E47K +R51P +E179Q in SEQ ID NO:1.